

SENATE BILL 1559

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 5, relative to testing of newborns.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 4, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

Section 68-5-405.

(a) In addition to any other test required by this chapter, it is the duty of any physician, nurse, emergency medical technician, or midwife, who assists or is in charge at the birth of any infant, or has the care of the same after birth, to obtain testing for the glucose level of the infant in a manner approved by the department of health by rule adopted in accordance with the provisions of title 4, chapter 5; and such test shall be given as soon as practicable after the birth of the infant and always within one (1) hour.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.